

TABLE 20. U.S. citizen and permanent resident full-time graduate students in science fields in all institutions, by field: 1980–2008

Year	Total	Agricultural sciences	Biological sciences	Communication ^a	Computer sciences	Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	Family and consumer science/human science ^a	Mathematical sciences	Multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary studies ^a	Neuroscience ^a	Physical sciences	Psychology	Social sciences
1980	141,405	8,007	32,969	ne	4,521	9,484	ne	6,647	ne	na	17,186	25,461	37,130
1981	139,558	7,995	32,299	ne	4,887	9,436	ne	6,511	ne	na	17,052	25,566	35,812
1982	138,209	7,805	31,522	ne	5,981	9,691	ne	6,926	ne	na	17,586	24,588	34,110
1983	138,714	7,603	31,063	ne	6,677	10,292	ne	6,714	ne	na	18,016	25,468	32,881
1984	137,903	7,579	31,138	ne	6,982	10,162	ne	6,772	ne	na	18,294	24,924	32,052
1985	136,402	7,009	30,497	ne	8,327	9,666	ne	6,995	ne	na	18,189	24,179	31,540
1986	137,132	6,905	30,424	ne	8,912	9,374	ne	7,243	ne	na	18,272	25,085	30,917
1987	137,154	6,575	30,024	ne	8,863	8,485	ne	7,549	ne	na	18,395	26,044	31,219
1988	136,619	6,601	29,986	ne	8,415	8,029	ne	7,738	ne	na	18,141	26,802	30,907
1989	139,256	6,527	30,139	ne	8,616	7,708	ne	7,697	ne	na	18,116	28,021	32,432
1990	143,255	6,313	30,103	ne	8,742	7,808	ne	7,961	ne	na	17,841	29,133	35,354
1991	148,329	6,507	30,906	ne	8,455	7,793	ne	8,380	ne	na	18,276	30,634	37,378
1992	157,510	6,726	32,337	ne	8,881	8,299	ne	8,939	ne	na	18,767	32,548	41,013
1993	163,195	6,835	34,271	ne	9,019	8,661	ne	9,056	ne	na	19,236	33,196	42,921
1994	165,657	6,864	36,020	ne	8,757	8,586	ne	8,876	ne	na	19,136	33,430	43,988
1995	165,521	7,023	37,013	ne	8,627	8,673	ne	8,291	ne	na	18,403	33,574	43,917
1996	164,198	6,905	37,032	ne	8,400	8,399	ne	7,885	ne	na	17,632	33,789	44,156
1997	161,097	6,951	36,498	ne	8,578	8,289	ne	7,262	ne	na	16,805	33,881	42,833
1998	158,559	6,915	36,384	ne	9,042	8,258	ne	7,061	ne	na	16,468	33,410	41,021
1999	157,735	7,176	36,739	ne	9,939	8,268	ne	6,588	ne	na	16,300	32,921	39,804
2000	154,545	7,259	35,967	ne	9,630	8,155	ne	6,345	ne	na	15,601	33,059	38,529
2001	156,352	7,178	36,659	ne	10,164	8,032	ne	6,656	ne	na	15,719	32,471	39,473
2002	164,856	7,363	38,703	ne	11,919	8,570	ne	7,390	ne	na	16,236	32,512	42,163
2003	173,624	7,653	40,561	ne	12,744	8,976	ne	7,923	ne	na	17,193	33,316	45,258
2004	178,463	7,613	41,202	ne	12,719	9,122	ne	8,225	ne	na	18,078	35,211	46,293
2005	181,990	7,304	42,385	ne	12,226	8,871	ne	8,534	ne	na	18,595	36,435	47,640
2006	185,004	7,097	43,257	ne	11,959	8,924	ne	8,749	ne	na	18,979	36,630	49,409
2007old ^a	191,167	7,188	44,525	ne	12,037	8,926	ne	9,063	ne	na	19,460	38,550	51,418
2007new ^a	197,473	7,230	45,085	3,549	11,814	8,547	1,396	8,943	1,830	1,203	19,288	38,134	50,454
2008	201,142	7,413	44,606	4,058	11,684	8,668	1,659	8,942	2,344	1,544	19,360	39,542	51,322

na = not applicable; data were not collected at this level of detail. ne = not eligible; data were not collected for this field prior to 2007.

^a In 2007, GSS-eligible fields were reclassified, newly eligible fields were added, and survey was redesigned to improve coverage and coding of GSS-eligible units. "2007new" presents data as collected in 2007; "2007old" reflects data as they would have been collected under 2006 methodology. Science fields "communication" and "family and consumer science/human science" are newly eligible. Data for these two fields are only in 2007new. Science field "multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary studies" is also newly eligible; these data may have been reported under other fields before 2007. "Neuroscience" is reported as a separate field of science in 2007new; these data were reported under health field "neurology" in 2007old and previous years. See appendix A, "Technical Notes," for more detail.

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